



## **Youth Leadership Program with the Baltics** **Latvia**

### **Student Application**

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**Application Deadline:** 11 April 2010

**Program Description:** Secondary school students from Latvia are invited to apply for participation in this Youth Leadership Program in the United States. The program will employ a highly interactive approach both in workshops and in a range of public and community settings. Through engagement in the activities of U.S. high schools, community organizations, youth groups, and community leaders in each location, the student and adult participants will better understand civic participation and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy.

The program will be intensive, academic, and highly interactive. The program sponsors seek energetic applicants who are ready to develop their skills in order to be effective leaders in their schools and communities.

#### **Secondary school students who may apply are those who:**

- Will be at least 15 years old and not more than 17 years old by July 2010
- Have a high school graduation year of 2011 or later
- Have good English skills
- Have permission from both parents and schools to participate in the entire program.
- Participation in this program is contingent upon qualifying for a U.S. J-1 Visa

**Instructions for completing this application:** Please fill out the application as completely as possible, in English. The information you provide on this application will provide the basis for selecting semi-finalists for this program. Answer the questions carefully and completely.

Applications and questions should be submitted via email to [US.Embassy.Riga@gmail.com](mailto:US.Embassy.Riga@gmail.com). Please use subject line "Youth Leadership Program". **Applications are due April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

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## **About you:**

Last (Family) Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

City and Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence \_\_\_\_\_

## **About your family:**

Parent or guardian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from yours) \_\_\_\_\_

Father: Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**About your education:**

School name \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade \_\_\_\_\_ Year you will graduate \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you studied English? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak any other languages besides your native language and English? Which ones?

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**About your academic and community interests:**

Academic subjects you are most interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

Future studies and/or possible occupations you've considered: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a valid passport? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes: Issuing Country \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date (day/month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever lived and/or studied in the United States or in another country? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes: Where, when, why? \_\_\_\_\_

## Short Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions in 1 or 2 paragraphs each.

1. Please write about yourself, your talents and interests, and why you should be selected for this program.
2. Please describe a project that you propose to do for your community or school after you have finished this program. Please be specific and describe exactly what you will do, who will benefit from your project, and why it is important.
3. What is the biggest social problem in Latvia today, and how would you solve it?